

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Editor regrets the delay in publishing last year's balance sheet. It appears in the present issue that all students may realize the present position of affairs; the larger balance shown being, now that bills are paid, much reduced.

Our yearly income amounts to about £25: this should be much more, but so many students have lapsed from the Association or never joined it, that the faithful 150 suffer for the sins of the rest.

Our present rate of expenditure comes to about £10 for three issues of "The Plant," therefore it is obviously impossible to publish it every month unless as a mere leaflet, which many of us would be very averse to do.

To continue issuing it bi-monthly we must be certain of the unfailing support of all present members, and have good hopes of a continual influx of fresh subscribers.

It is also most earnestly urged that all students who have not yet paid their subscriptions for 1908, will do so at once to Miss Gray, that we may see what we have in hand to spend, and the expense of writing to individual defaulters may be avoided.

BALANCE SHEET, 1907.

1907. RECEIVED.	£	s.	d.	1907. PAID AWAY.	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1906...	14	6	7	Stamps per Subscriptions.....	0	6	6
136 Subs. at 3/6.....	23	16	0	Stamps and Post Cards	1	6	6
1 " at £1.....	1	0	0	Wrappers	2	3	8½
Ten Badges at 3/6...	1	15	0	Miss Pennethorne	1	5	6
One Magazine sold..	0	0	9	Two dozen Badges	4	4	0
				Joseph Holt	12	15	0
				Balance	18	17	1½
	£40	18	4		£40	18	4

LILIAN GRAY,
Treasurer.

Ambleside Old Students' Association.

STUDENTS' LETTER.

SCALE HOW,

AMBLESIDE,

DECEMBER, 1907.

DEAR EX-STUDENTS,

As this is the last letter we shall write to the "Pianta," we feel that, in spite of being in the midst of final examinations and packing and a hundred other things, we would like it to be a long one.

There are numbers of new things to tell you about since writing the last letter. Mr. Bell's reproduction of Dr. Johnson's portrait is ready, and is very successful. We were shown one in "sepia" at Scale How which we all liked.

You will be sorry to hear that Mrs. and Miss Firth are leaving Ambleside next spring. We cannot think what future students will do without them. We have very much enjoyed our Tuesday lectures from Mrs. Firth, and the afternoons spent with Miss Firth cooking in the Millet Room. Soon after half term Mrs. Firth asked us to Seathwaite Rayne to spend an afternoon, where we were regaled with the "stone tea."

It is sad to realise that all the village lectures are finished, since both the afternoon and evening ones have been so interesting. One of the latter on the geology of the district was specially interesting, and the slides were splendid.

The children enjoyed their party last Saturday. Soon after they came, a miscellaneous programme was given by the children of the Practising School. This included dancing, violin duets, pianoforte solos, and action songs. These last were especially well done, and the costume for each character was very pretty. This was followed by tea and crackers; then games were played, which ended with Sir Roger de Coverley. As the last notes of this were played, a figure, attired in a German costume, and carrying a huge basket, curiously decorated, entered the room, and smiling, led the

children after her. She seated herself upon the floor, her basket beside her, and the children drew round her. A fairy, she said, was the author of all those presents. Each was given a present from Nürembourg (the town which Miss Mason visited in the summer-time), and in addition to this, a lovely book. Soon after the party broke up, and if we may judge by the children's faces, we may safely say that they had enjoyed themselves immensely.

Last Tuesday we had our "High Jinks." All the afternoon the class-room and dining-room were being prepared by the Juniors for the evening fun. At half-past five all was ready, and a bell called the Staff and Seniors to the class-room, where they enjoyed the "Juniors' Play." This was "Twelfth Night;" and beautifully illustrated programmes were handed round. Both acting and costumes were splendid, and there are whisperings of its being re-acted next term. When this was over the class-room was speedily cleared and dancing began. This did not last long, as supper was announced at eight o'clock. This was as usual very merry, and increased by witty speeches. After supper we had dancing again, and in the rests between, recitations and songs. The evening was brought to a close by Sir Roger de Coverley, Auld Lang Syne, God Save the King, and many hearty cheers.

We are sorry to tell you that Miss Mason has not been well for some time. She has not been in to Criticism Lessons for three weeks, and since half-term we have had only one literary evening. The time has been devoted to handicrafts, brasswork for us, Sloyd for the Juniors.

There are added to the library many new books, and amongst them five which are aids to the British Museum. Also a Classical Atlas (Everyman's Library). There are many new ones and interesting, but it is impossible to make a list.

Next term there will be a very large household; and we hear that during the holidays there are to be alterations made in the house.

As the new term does not begin until January the 14th, we are asked to say that it is not likely that there will be a January letter from Scale How, so that the next will

probably be a very long and very full one from the new Seniors, those of 1908.

With all good wishes for the New Year from

THE SENIORS.

SCALE HOW,

JANUARY, 1908.

DEAR EX-STUDENTS,

This is the first time we have had the pleasure of writing to you, and I think we ought to have a good deal of news to tell you.

We are thirty-seven students in all, so the house is quite full.

In order to accommodate all the new Juniors the Millet Room has been turned into a delightful bedroom for five, the "well" and "pantry" afford "toilette" accommodation.

The St. George's Room, from Mrs. Firth's, which you all know well, has been transferred to Scale How, and is now the Juniors' Classroom.

A greenhouse has been skilfully transformed into a handicrafts room, and there, among other occupations, the Seniors enjoy cooking lessons given by Miss Brown.

Every ex-student who has had the privilege of studying Italian Art with Mrs. Firth will sympathise with the present Seniors who, to their great disappointment, are not able to profit by the lectures, as Mrs. Firth is leaving Ambleside in March.

The works of Rudyard Kipling, Shelley, and Tennyson are the subjects chosen for this term's Poetry Club. The subscriptions of last year were devoted to the purchase of three volumes, namely, the poems of Keats, Milton, and Walt Whitman.

On Sunday evenings we all proceed to Church in groups of six, each group headed by a lantern bearer!

The Drill Monitresses are pleased to have the responsibility of the gymnastics taken from them by Miss Monteith, an ex-student from the Physical Training College, Bedford.

THE SENIOR STUDENTS.